

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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Plaintiff,                 )                           8:22CR174  
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vs.                            )  
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CHRISTOPHER BENJAMIN BLANTON, )                           ORDER  
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Defendant.                 )

This matter is before the court on defendant's Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [20]. Counsel needs additional time to complete plea negotiations. The undersigned magistrate judge finds good cause to grant the continuance. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [20] is granted, as follows:

1. The jury trial now set for December 13, 2022, is continued to **March 21, 2023**.
2. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the court finds that the ends of justice will be served by granting this continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Any additional time arising as a result of the granting of this motion, that is, the time between **today's date and March 21, 2023**, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirement of the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) & (B)(iv).

**DATED: December 1, 2022**

**BY THE COURT:**

**s/ Susan M. Bazis**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**